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14. (Secret - JMM) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who confirmed plans for the Director's appearance before the Defense Subcommittee at 0930 hours on Thursday, 18 March. Woodruff said the briefing should cover the "strategic threat" i. e., that intelligence regarding hostile forces which should be the foundation for consideration of the U. S. defense budget. Woodruff said he had explained to Chairman Ellender that the briefing would consist of the Directors conclusions, based on all the intelligence available to the various members of the U. S. intelligence community, and that these conclusions would be shared by other members of the community unless otherwise specified.

Woodruff also commented that he had not yet received the Office of Management and Budget letter regarding the Agency's FY 1972 budget. Colonel White has been informed.

In addition, Woodruff said he would like to have again this year the Agency's breakdown of the full [] representing the total budget of the whole intelligence community. Mr. Tweedy has been informed.

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15. [] (JMM) Talked to Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, about the possibility, raised by Mr. Froehlke, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), that Chairman Hebert might identify to the full Armed Services Committee the [] Preston found this disturbing but said that he doubted that Chairman Mahon would intervene to head off such a move if Hebert decided to go through with it. He suggested we discuss the matter with Hebert.

16. (Confidential - JMM) In discussing the above problem with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, Woodruff reiterated his earlier contention that the Agency should be made public as a regular line item in the national budget. Only in this way, said Woodruff, would the rank and file in the Congress, and the general public, be convinced of the relatively small share of the national intelligence budget CIA represents.

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